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SUBJECT: U.S. TRSB MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM AND ICAO ALL-WEATHER
OPERATIONS DIVISIONAL MEETING, MONTREAL, APRIL 4021, 1978

REF: STATE 276058

1. EMBOFF BRIEFED MAURITIAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
OFFICIALS (KHODADEEN SUMODEE, THE PERMANENT SECRETARY; NOORMANODE
GOOLAMAMODE, THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY; AND L. SOOBARAH,
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION) ON THE TRSB MICROWAVE
LANDING SYSTEM.

2. AT MEETING WITH MESSRS. SUMODEE AND GOOLAMAMODE, THEY WERE
NON-COMMITTAL ON THEIR PREFERENCES BETWEEN THE U.S. TRSB MLI
SYSTEM AND THE BRITISH DOPPLER SYSTEM, AND THEY DEFERRED TO
SOOBARAH AS THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE MAURITIAN ON THE TWO MLS SYSTEMS.
THEY DID POINT OUT THAT A NEW PLESSY TYPE I ILS SYSTEM HAD JUST
BEEN ORDERED FOR PLAISANCE AIRPORT IN MAURITIUS BUT ADDED
THAT THIS WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THEIR VOTE IN MONTREAL.
MESSRS. SUMODEE AND GOOLAMAMODE SAID THAT THEY THOUGHT MAURITIUS
WOULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ICAO ALL-WEATHER OPERATIONS
DIVISIONAL MEETING BUT INTICATED THAT A FINAL DECISION WOULD
BE MADE LATER, CLOSER TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING. IN OPTING
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FOR EITHER THE DOPPLER OR THE TRSB SYSTEM AT MONTREAL,
SUMODEE INDICATED THAT THE OVERRIDING CONCERN FOR MAURITIUS
WOULD BE COST, BOTH INITIAL AND RECURRENT, AND THE INTERCHANGEABILITY
AND AVAILABILITY OF SPARE PARTS.

3. SOOBARAH, AT A LATER MEETING WITH EMBOFF STATED THAT
HE HAD NOT MADE UP HIS MIND ON EITHER SYSTEM. HE POINTED OUT

THAT HE HAD FOLLOWED THE DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH SYSTEMS SINCE 1972 AND SEEMED FAIRLY WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S. TRSB/MLS SYSTEM. HE SAID THAT WHILE BOTH SYSTEMS HAD MERIT, THE AMERICAN/AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM WOULD BE BACKED BY A MUCH LARGER TECHNOLOGICAL/INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, WHICH WOULD ADD TO ITS VALUE IN TERMS OF INTER-CHANGEABILITY AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SPARE PARTS. SOOBARAH REMARKED THAT THE U.S. WAS ALMOST SYNONYMOUS WITH AVIATION AND HE FELT MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE INCLINED TO VOTE WITH THE AMERICAN SYSTEM.

4. SOOBARAH, WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE NEW ILS AT PLAISANCE, REPLIED THAT THE CHOICE OF PLESSY HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE WAY MAURITIUS WOULD VOTE AT MONTREAL. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS INDEED A CERTAIN AFFINITY FOR BRITISH MANUFACTURES IN SOME QUARTERS IN MAURITIUS, WHICH MAY HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE PURCHASE OF PLESSY, BUT HE ADDED THAT HE FELT THE NEW PLESSY ILS WAS A GOOD CHOICE GIVEN MAURITIUS' NEEDS. SOOBARAH REITERATED THE CONDITIONS THAT WOULD INFLUENCE MAURITIUS' CHOICE WHICH WERE MENTIONED BY MESSRS SAMODEE AND GOOLAMAMODE, I.E. INITIAL LOWER COSTS, INTERCHANGEABILITY OF PARTS, SERVICEABILITY, AND HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD STUDY THE LITERATURE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BEFORE COMMITTING HIMSELF FURTHER AND BEFORE PLACING QUESTIONS TO THE EMBASSY. SOOBARAH SAID THAT HE HOPED THE FINAL DECISION ON HOW MAURITIUS WOULD VOTE WOULD BE HIS, BUT SPECULATED THAT POLITICS MIGHT PLAY A PART.

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5. WITH RESPECT TO AMURITIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE APRIL ICAO MEETING, SOOBARAH SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO ATTEND THE MEETING HIMSELF. HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT SURE THAT FUNDS FOR HIS TRIP WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS NOW IN THE THROES OF AN AUSTERITY CAMPAIGN.

6. REQUEST THAT AN ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOLDER ON THE TRSB MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEM BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY. EMBASSY FOLDER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MR. SOOBARAH, WITH PERTINENT DOCUMENTS BEING COPIED AND SENT TO MESSRS. SUMODEE AND GOOLAMAODE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE FOLDER TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

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